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Today's Topics:
                        callsign.cs.buffalo.edu
                   Electronics and Wireless World
          FTP-mail (was STOP SENDING HAMS ON USENET CRAP !!!)
               Guide to the Personal Radio Newsgroups
         Index to the rec.radio.amateur.* Supplemental Archives
                         Info. on Scanners?
                       RS Sale on Handhelds ????
                         Sony 2010 Wanted

We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.
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whs70@dancer.cc.bellcore.com (sohl,william h) writes:

>The last update was with FCC data as of somewhere around 3/93. I upgraded
>to general (license issued in 2/93) and that is reflected in the current
>database, but my subsequent upgrade to Advanced (licensed issued 4/94)
>is not.

It's around the 13th if I recall correctly. Info can be obtained by
typing 'info' at the prompt.

Remember that the boys (and girls?) that run the server got the CD as a
donation from the publisher. If someone would like to donate an update,
I'm sure they'd be grateful. Beats the heck out the old way - getting
the tapes from the FCC and spinning them down for public consumption ...

73,
Peter Laws, N5UWY - V31WY

President,
Amateur Radio Club,
University of Arkansas / W5YM

Peter Laws <plaws@comp.uark.edu> |>>   University of Arkansas   <<
n5uwy@ka5bml.#nwar.ar.usa.noam |>> Home of the NCAA Champion Razorbacks <<

Date: 15 Apr 1994 17:18:45 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!howland.reston.ans.net!pipex!uknet!warwick!
lyra.csx.cam.ac.uk!ljw1004@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Electronics and Wireless World
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am interested in the initial development of radios
of the sort that might be constructed at school --
ferrite antenna, op-amps, and a simple LCR filtering circuit.
If anyone could point me to an issue in E & WW, or some other
journal, I would be very grateful.

If people would be kind enough to email, I will post a summary of replies.

Yours &c.,

-- Lucian Wischik, Queens' College, U of Cambridge. ljw1004@cus.cam.ac.uk

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Date: Fri, 15 Apr 1994 12:53:49 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!pipex!sunic!trane.uninett.no!
eunet.no!news.eunet.no!nuug!fo.mil.no!fo20.fo.mil.no!terjeu@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: FTP-mail (was STOP SENDING HAMS ON USENET CRAP !!!)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2ndpv3$5fj@eram.esi.com.au> dave@eram.esi.com.au (Dave Horsfall)
writes:

>Excuse me, but USENET does not necessarily imply access to FTP etc.

There are several FTP-mail server available that performs
the ftp task at request and mail back the result !

Why not use this service to reduce bandwidth ??
Post an announcement to the newsgroup describing actions to
get the LARGE FAQ or whatever.

For information on the SURAnet ftpmailserver send a message containing the
word HELP in it to

          bitftp@pucc.princeton.edu (bitnet sites only)

or

          ftpmail@decwrl.dec.com

for explanations on how to use them.

If you have a signature you should end the massage-body with the word QUIT.

Just a though ....

== 73 de Terje LA8RIA

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! Knut Terje
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Disclaimer :   !
!   NORWAY   ! The above information does
not   !

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!  Tel.       : (+47) 22 49 75 70                ! neccessary reflect the views
of    !
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employer                        !
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(Note: The following is reprinted with the permission of the author.)

This message describes the rec.radio.amateur.*, rec.radio.cb, rec.radio.info,
and rec.radio.swap newsgroups. It is intended to serve as a guide for the new
reader on what to find where. Questions and comments may be directed to the
author, Jay Maynard, K5ZC, by Internet electronic mail at
jmaynard@oac.hsc.uth.tmc.edu. This message was last changed on 18 September
1993 to add the mailing lists for the new rec.radio.amateur newsgroups, to
note the rmgroup of rec.radio.amateur.packet, and to officially retire some
(in)famous threads of discussion on rec.radio.amateur.policy.

History
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Way back when, before there was a Usenet, the Internet hosted a mailing list
for hams, called (appropriately enough) INFO-HAMS. Ham radio discussions
were held on the mailing list, and sent to the mailboxes of those who had
signed up for it. When the Usenet software was created, and net news as we
now know it was developed, a newsgroup was created for hams: net.ham-radio.
The mailing list and the newsgroup were gatewayed together, eventually.

As the net grew, and as packet radio came into vogue, packet discussion began
to dominate other topics in the group and on the list. This resulted in the
logical solution: a group was created to hold the packet discussion, and
another corresponding mailing list was created as well: net.ham-radio.packet
and PACKET-RADIO, respectively.

These two groups served for several years, and went through Usenet's Great
Renaming essentially unchanged, moving from net.ham-radio[.packet] to

rec.ham-radio[.packet]. Readership and volume grew with the rest of the
network.

The INFO-HAMS mailing list was originally run from a US Army computer at
White Sands Missile Range, SIMTEL20. There were few problems with this
arrangement, but one was that the system was not supposed to be used for
commercial purposes. Since one of hams' favorite pastimes is swapping
gear, it was natural for hams to post messages about equipment for sale
to INFO-HAMS/rec.ham-radio. This ran afoul of SIMTEL20's no-commercial-use
restriction, and after some argument, a group was created specifically
for messages like that: rec.ham-radio.swap. This group wasn't gatewayed to
a mailing list, thus avoiding problems.

While all this was happening, other folks wanted to discuss other aspects
of the world of radio than the personal communications services. Those
folks created the rec.radio.shortwave and rec.radio.noncomm newsgroups,
and established the precedent of the rec.radio.* hierarchy, which in turn
reflected Usenet's overall trend toward a hierarchical name structure.

The debate between proponents of a no-code ham radio license and its opponents
grew fierce and voluminous in late 1989 and 1990. Eventually, both sides grew
weary of the debate, and those who had not been involved even more so. A
proposal for a newsgroup dedicated to licensing issues failed. A later
proposal was made for a group that would cover the many recurring legal issues
discussions. During discussion of the latter proposal, it became clear that it
would be desirable to fit the ham radio groups under the rec.radio.*
hierarchy. A full-blown reorganization was passed by Usenet voters in January
1991, leading to the overall structure we now use.

After the reorganization, more and more regular information postings began to
appear, and were spread out across the various groups in rec.radio.*. Taking
the successful example of the news.answers group, where informational postings
from across the net are sent, the group rec.radio.info was created in
December, 1992, with Mark Salyzyn, VE6MGS, initially serving as moderator.

In January, 1993, many users started complaining about the volume in
rec.radio.amateur.misc. This led to a discussion about a second
reorganization, which sparked the creation of a mailing list by Ian Kluft,
KD6EUI. This list, which was eventually joined by many of the most prolific
posters to the ham radio groups, came up with a proposal to add 11 groups to
the rec.radio.amateur hierarchy in April 1993. The subsequent vote, held in
May and early June, approved the creation of five groups:
rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc (to replace .packet), .equipment, .homebrew,
.antenna, and .space.

The Current Groups
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I can hear you asking, "OK, so this is all neat history, but what does it have to do with me now?" The answer is that the history of each group has a direct bearing on what the group is used for, and what's considered appropriate where.

The easy one is rec.radio.amateur.misc. It is what rec.ham-radio was renamed to during the reorganization. Any message that's not more appropriate in one of the other groups belongs here, from contesting to DX to ragchewing on VHF to information on becoming a ham.

The group rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc is for discussions related to (surprise!) digital amateur radio. This doesn't have to be the common two-meter AX.25 variety of packet radio, either; some of the most knowledgeable folks in radio digital communications can be found here, and anything in the general area is welcome. The name was changed to emphasize this, and to encourage discussion not only of other text-based digital modes, such as AMTOR, RTTY, and Clover, but things like digital voice and video as well. The former group, rec.radio.amateur.packet, should be removed by September 21st, 1993. It is obsolete, and you should use .digital.misc instead (or the appropriate new mailing list, mentioned below). The group has .misc as part of the name to allow further specialization if the users wish it, such as .digital.tcp-ip.

The swap group is now rec.radio.swap. This recognizes a fact that became evident shortly after the original group was formed: Hams don't just swap ham radio gear, and other folks besides hams swap ham equipment. If you have radio equipment, or test gear, or computer stuff that hams would be interested in, here's the place. Equipment wanted postings belong here too. Discussions about the equipment generally don't; if you wish to discuss a particular posting with the buyer, email is a much better way to do it, and the other groups, especially .equipment and .homebrew, are the place for public discussions. There is now a regular posting with information on how to go about buying and selling items in rec.radio.swap; please refer to it before you post there.

The first reorganization added two groups to the list, one of which is rec.radio.amateur.policy. This group was created as a place for all the discussions that seem to drag on interminably about the many rules, regulations, legalities, and policies that surround amateur radio, both existing and proposed. Recent changes to the Amateur Radio Rules (FCC Part 97) have finally laid to rest the Great Usenet Pizza Autopatch Debate as well as complaints about now-preempted local scanner laws hostile to amateurs, but plenty of discussion about what a bunch of rotten no-goodniks the local frequency coordinating body is, as well as the neverending no-code debate, may still be found here.

The other added group is rec.radio.cb. This is the place for all discussion about the Citizens' Band radio service. Such discussions have been very inflammatory in rec.ham-radio in the past; please do not cross-post to both

rec.radio.cb and rec.radio.amateur.* unless the topic is genuinely of interest to both hams and CBers - and very few topics are.

The rec.radio.info group is just what its name implies: it's the place where informational messages from across rec.radio.* may be found, regardless of where else they're posted. As of this writing, information posted to the group includes Cary Oler's daily solar progagation bulletins, ARRL bulletins, the Frequently Asked Questions files for the various groups, and radio modification instructions. This group is moderated, so you cannot post to it directly; if you try, even if your message is crossposted to one of the other groups, your message will be mailed to the moderator, who is currently Mark Salyzyn, VE6MGS. The email address for submissions to the group is rec-radio-info@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca. Inquires and other administrivia should be directed to rec-radio-request@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca. For more information about rec.radio.info, consult the introduction and posting guidelines that are regularly posted to that newsgroup.

The groups rec.radio.amateur.antenna, .equipment, .homebrew, and .space are for more specialized areas of ham radio: discussions about antennas, commercially-made equipment, homebrewing, and amateur radio space operations. The .equipment group is not the place for buying or selling equipment; that's what rec.radio.swap is for. Similarly, the .space group is specifically about amateur radio in space, such as the OSCAR program and SAREX, the Shuttle Amateur Radio EXperiment; other groups cover other aspects of satellites and space. Homebrewing isn't about making your own alcoholic beverages at home (that's rec.crafts.brewing), but rather construction of radio and electronic equipment by the amateur experimenter.

Except for rec.radio.swap and rec.radio.cb, all of these newsgroups are available by Internet electronic mail in digest format; send a mail message containing "help" on a line by itself to listserv@ucsd.edu for instructions on how to use the mail server.

All of the groups can be posted to by electronic mail, though, by using a gateway at the University of Texas at Austin. To post a message this way, change the name of the group you wish to post to by replacing all of the '.'s with '-'s - for example, rec.radio.swap becomes rec-radio-swap - and send to that name@cs.utexas.edu (rec-radio-swap@cs.utexas.edu, for example). You may crosspost by including multiple addresses as Cc: entries (but see below). This gateway's continued availability is at the pleasure of the admins at UT-Austin, and is subject to going away at any time - and especially if forgeries and other net.abuses become a problem. You have been warned.

A Few Words on Crossposting
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Please do not crosspost messages to two or more groups unless there is genuine interest in both groups in the topic being discussed, and when you do, please

include a header line of the form "Followup-To: group.name" in your article's
headers (before the first blank line). This will cause followups to your
article to go to the group listed in the Followup-To: line. If you wish
to have replies to go to you by email, rather than be posted, use the word
"poster" instead of the name of a group. Such a line appears in the headers
of this article.

One of the few examples of productive cross-posting is with the rec.radio.info
newsgroup. To provide a filtered presentation of information articles, while
still maintaining visibility in their home newsgroups, the moderator strongly
encourages cross-posting. All information articles should be submitted to the
rec.radio.info moderator so that he may simultaneously cross-post your
information to the appropriate newsgroups. Most newsreaders will only present
the article once, and network bandwidth is conserved since only one article is
propagated. If you make regular informational postings, and have made
arrangements with the moderator to post directly to the group, please
cross-post as appropriate.

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Jay Maynard, EMT-P, K5ZC, PP-ASEL | Never ascribe to malice that which can
jmaynard@oac.hsc.uth.tmc.edu | adequately be explained by stupidity.
      "If my car ran OS/2, it'd be there by now" -- bumper sticker
                GCS d++ p+ c++ l+ m+/- s/++ g++ w++ t+ r

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73, Paul W. Schleck, KD3FU

pschleck@unomaha.edu

Date: Fri, 15 Apr 1994 17:08:58 GMT
From: news.mtholyoke.edu!news.unomaha.edu!news@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Index to the rec.radio.amateur.* Supplemental Archives
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Posted-By: auto-faq 3.2.1.2
Archive-name: radio/ham-radio/archives

The following is a list of informational files for this newsgroup
available via anonymous FTP from ftp.cs.buffalo.edu or the Australia/
Asian-Pacific mirror at grivel.une.edu.au.

Questions to bowen@cs.buffalo.edu

1750m.band   - misc info on the 1750m band
222xvtr.zip   - PostScript code for KH6CP no-tune 222-MHz transverter
8085sys.zip   - 8085 system software, from QEX 11/93 and 12/93

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alinco_180t_mod       - Alinco 180T modification for a TNC connection
ampr_coordinators  - coordinators for packet IP addresses
antenna_refs       - references for articles about antenna designs
antique_radio_info - misc info about antique radio collecting
arrl-logo.ps       - ARRL logo in PostScript format
arrl_bib        - bibliographies from ARRL literature (ASCII format)
arrl_digital_minutes   - Minutes of the ARRL committee on digital comm.
arrl_fo_jobs       - descriptions of some ARRL Field Organization jobs
arrl_info_service  - announcement of the ARRLs trial information service
bbs_interface_specs    - specifications for message passing protocol
cal_pd_freq        - California police frequencies
callbook.tar.Z         - sources for the Buffalo callsign server v1.3
canadian.Z         - Canadian ham database in FCC format
carpet.loop.2      - Antenna for apartments and small spaces
clubcalls.Z        - database of US ham clubs
comb6.zip      - HF Propagation Predication program
docket_91-36       - information regarding the proposed scanner regs
dxcc-k2di       - ARRL DXCC country list
dx_w2iol.dat       - data for all country prefix, position, etc
dx_w2iol.doc       - documentation for the above database
element_credit         - rules about VE credit for earliers exams
elmers_admin       - information about the elmers list (see below)
elmers_index       - quick reference index of elmers
elmers_list        - list of elmers on the network
exam_ops        - info on exams and exam opportunities
faq_callsign       - frequently asked questions about the callsign server
faq_ham_1       - frequently asked questions about ham radio (pts 1)
faq_ham_2       - frequently asked questions about ham radio (pts 2)
faq_ham_3       - frequently asked questions about ham radio (pts 3)
faq_packet         - frequently asked questions about packet radio
faq_satellite      - frequently asked questions about satellites
faq_shortwave      - frequently asked questions about shortwave
fcc_part_97_1      - text of the FCC part 97 amateur regulations (part 1)
fcc_part_97_2      - text of the FCC part 97 amateur regulations (part 2)
fcc_part_97_3      - text of the FCC part 97 amateur regulations (part 3)
fft.com            - EGA/VGA DOS command for spectral display (QST 1/92)
ffth.com        - Hercules DOS command for spectral display (QST 1/92)
field_day_92       - field day rules for 1992
florida_antenna        - Florida State antenna law info
guide2newsgroups   - description of USENET newsgroups dedicated to radio
ham_sat_sum        - summary of information needed to get on satellite
hams_on_usenet         - list of ham operators and e-mail addresses on the net
hamstacks       - information about the question pool stacks
handicap_waiver        - info on obtaining a handicapped test waiver
hf_rigs         - QST reviews of available HF rigs
ht_info         - general information about commercial hand helds
icom_ic_w21at_mods - increases the number of bands on an Icom IC W21AT
intro_to_swl       - info for aspiring short wave listeners
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intro_to_scanners  - info for aspiring scanner listeners
jlem.zip        - Program, w/source, for 2kx8 ROM emulator (QEX 1/93)
j-poles             - description of j-pole antenna made from twin-lead
lead_acid_batteries    - essay on lead-acid batteries
license_plates         - guide to ham calls on license plates
logos               - PostScript logos for various ham organizations
mail_order          - a database of electronic mail order shops
manufacturers       - names and addresses of ham gear manufacturers
mav11.ps        - postscript image of MAV-11 amplifier PCB (QEX 9/93)
mlhacker.zip        - newsletters about the MiniSport Laptop Hacker
mods            - directory containing radio modifications
motorola_ge_service_man - how to get service manuals for Motorola and GE rigs
nasa_select         - places where you can hear NASA SELECT broadcasts
new_packeteers          - helpful essays for new packeteers
newcomers       - tips and hints for those new to amateur radio
nprm_93-85_text        - text of docket 93-85 (message forwarding systems)
nprm_93-305_text   - text of docket 93-305 (vanity call system)
oe_m1_review        - review of the Optoelectronic M1 Handicounter
oe_3000a_review         - review of the Optoelectronic 3000A Handicounter
packet_clubs        - organizations you can get more packet info from
packet_gateways         - list of gateways from packet to Internet
packet_header_standard - description of BBS message header standards
packet_misc         - miscellaneous packet info
packet_software         - list of packet software versions
phone_bbs_list          - phone BBSs for ham related issues/software
pio_handbook        - ARRL Public Information Officer's Handbook
pr_docket_92-136   - text of FCC PR Docket 92-136
qex1193.ps         - Postscript image of 13cm preamp board, 11/93 QEX "RF"
qexfq194.zip       - Pascal program for PC frequency counter, Jan 1994 QEX
qsl_bureau1         - information about the ARRL QSL bureau
qsl_bureau2         - "what should I do if" list for the QSL bureau
qst_prodrev         - index of ARRL product reviews in QST
quest_pool_novice  - novice question pool - good after 7/1/93
quest_pool_technician   - technician question pool - good after 7/1/93
quest_pool_general - general question pool - good before 6/30/94
quest_pool_advanced     - advanced question pool - good before 6/30/95
quest_pool_extra   - extra question pool - good before 6/30/96
rfi_tips        - good posting about RFI
sol_geo_data        - desciption of daily solar geophysical broadcasts
sol_terra_terms         - glossary of solar-terrestrial terms
sstv_wefax_info         - general help for SSTV and WEFAX users
tasm.zip        - table-driven assembler for weavrdsp.zip file
txt2eprm.zip        - morse code ID generator programming utility (QEX 2/94)
usenet_purchases   - tips on buying and selling via USENET
vlf_elf_references - references for info on VLF and ELF radio
weavrdsp.zip        - src to "Weaver Method Modulator Using DSP" (QEX 9/93)


For readers of this newsgroup both new and experienced, these files are
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a de-facto "Required Reading List" to provide definitive answers and
pointers to other sources for questions that come up in this forum.

This is also your archive, so any additional articles, guides, or small
PostScript graphics that you feel would enhance this collection are most
welcome. Submit to Devon via his E-mail address above.

Thanks go to Devon Bowen, KA2NRC, for providing diskspace and maintaining
these valuable archives, as well as all the authors who wrote and submitted
the information contained in them.

Additional archives out there that have /pub/ham-radio directories are
encouraged to "mirror" these files to provide redundant storage for these
documents. Some of these sites (which may or may not mirror
ftp.cs.buffalo.edu) include:

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ucsd.edu                        /hamradio
nic.funet.fi                    /pub/ham
                                /pub/dx
csseq.cs.tamu.edu               /ham-radio
suntan.tandem.com               /hamradio
col.hp.com                      /packet
ftp.cs.buffalo.edu              /pub/ham-radio
bubba.business.uwo.ca           /hamster/ham
                                /hamster/tcpip
                                /hamster/mods
                                /hamster/view
vax.cs.pitt.edu                 /pub/arrl8
                                /pub/ka9q
                                /pub/ncpa
                                /pub/tnc2
brolga.cc.uq.oz.au              /pub/ka9q
tomcat.gsfc.nasa.gov            /public
helios.tn.cornell.edu           /pub
wuarchive.wustl.edu             /mirrors/msdos/hamradio
                                /mirrors/msdos/packet
                                /mirrors/msdos/ka9q-tcpip
                                /mirrors/cpm/hamradio
                                /mirrors/cpm/packet
                                /mirrors/misc/hamradio
                                /mirrors/misc/packet
                                /mirrors/misc/ka9q-tcpip
gatekeeper.dec.com              /pub/net/ka9q
sun.soe.clarkson.edu            /pub/ka9q
sics.se                         /archive/packet
                                /pub/packet-incoming
sabrina.dei.unipd.it            /pub/hamradio
uhunix2.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu         /incoming/ham-radio
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caticsuf.cati.csufresno.edu      /pub/ham-radio
ftp.waseda.ac.jp                 /pub/toumon/ham-radio
garfield.catt.ncsu.edu           /pub/hamradio
plan9.njit.edu                   /pub/hamradio
sunee.uwaterloo.ca               /pub/radio
grivel.une.edu.au                /pub/ham-radio
vixen.cso.uiuc.edu               /pub/ham-radio
iraun1.ira.uka.de                /pub/ham-radio
nic.switch.ch                    /software/hamradio
                                 /software/mac/ham-radio
iesd.auc.dk                      /ham-radio
akutaktak.andrew.cmu.edu         /aw0g (softkiss-mac)
gandalf.umcs.maine.edu           /pub/ham-radio # ls -l NO !)
rtfm.mit.edu                     /pub/usenet/news.answers/radio
tamu.edu                         /pc-sig
ftp.geo.brown.edu                /pub/hamradio
ns.risc.net                      /ham-radio
oak.oakland.edu                  /pub/hamradio
ftp.fidonet.org                  /pub/fidonet/ham
ftp.halcyon.com                  /pub/fidonet/ham
ftp.fcc.gov                      /pub
ftp.demon.co.uk                  /pub/ham
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Questions about FTP mirroring and access to appropriate software should
be directed to me, or do an Archie search on the keyword "mirror."

For those without FTP access (and only those without FTP access,
please), there is an FTP mail server at ftpmail@decwrl.dec.com. Send
the word "HELP" to this address for more information.

Additional documents on Usenet and other newsgroups may be obtained
from rtfm.mit.edu via anonymous FTP or via mail server (send the word
"HELP" to mail-server@rtfm.mit.edu).

The American Radio Relay League has recently made available a
mail-server to distribute many of their informational documents in
electronic form. Send E-mail to info@arrl.org with "HELP" in the
message body for more information. These files are also mirrored
on oak.oakland.edu.

Yet another mail-server has been made available by Steve Harding,
KA6ETB. Send E-mail to ham-server@grafex.sbay.org with "HELP" in
the message body for more information.

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73, Paul W. Schleck, KD3FU

pschleck@unomaha.edu

Date: Fri, 15 Apr 1994 13:58:15 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!wupost!
darwin.sura.net!ua1ix!kwarren.as.ua.edu!dhorton@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Info. on Scanners?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm interested in getting a scanner, but haven't the slightest idea about
brands or specs that I should be looking for.

What I need is a portable (handheld) unit that picks up 200 channels or
more. I need more than just the local traffic stuff...I need access to
weather, aviation traffic, and military traffic.

Finally, what about the life of such units? With proper care I'm assuming
these can last for years, but is there anything else in the way of general
maintenance I should be made aware of to get years of enjoyment from one?

(Please reply privatley...my news feed is not always reliable)

Thanks,

Date: 15 Apr 94 11:22:54
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!
news.intercon.com!panix!zip.eecs.umich.edu!newsxfer.itd.umich.edu!
news1.oakland.edu!rcsuna.gmr.com!rcsuna.gmr.com!vbreault@@.
Subject: RS Sale on Handhelds ????
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2ojgs2$hpl@search01.news.aol.com> jduffy@aol.com (JDuffy) writes:

    In article <pruitt.766161859@hubcap>, pruitt@hubcap.clemson.edu (Ken Pruitt)
    writes:

> Summarized: Are the 2 mtr and 440 handhelds from Radio Shack any good.
> He is interested since they are both on sale.
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> The 2 mtr version has been plagued by problems of low audio. Many have
> had to be returned and replaced by RS. Not usre if this problem was
> duplicated with the 440 rig.

That was a misalignment problem that was corrected very early. To the
best of my knowledge it has not been a problem for well over a year.

> But it sounds to me like RS may be getting ready to clear out the
> inventory and drop those models. Not sure if they will be bringing out
> a new model or simply getting out of the ham market.

I don't believe they are. Both units are good selling items and have
received very good reviews from all but one person I've spoken to. In
that one case, the unit failed after a week of use. He took it back to
the store and they exchanged it with another unit.

> I wish RS was more upfront about their plans.

Me too. I've heard that the company is changing direction to reposition
itself from a technology follower to a technology leader. By the time
that kind of information reaches me though, it been through so many hands
that it doesn't always bear a great resemblance to the original. Radio
Shack will be at Dayton. Maybe someone on the net will get some product
planning information from them and post it here for our benefit.

> Bought one of their Sensation computers and really was burnt when
> they brought out the new model and didn't support the users of their
> first system. If I were you I'd stay away from the RS products and
> buy your handheld from a reputible ham radio manufacturer.

I'm sorry to hear of your experience with the sensation. What kind of
support did you expect and how did they fail to provide it? Would you
have had better service if you had bought from another vendor? Have
you had better service from another vendor?

Note:
 I work part-time for Radio Shack, so my opinions may be biased. I own
 an HTX-404 70cm HT and like it so much that I'm about to buy an HTX-202
 2 meter HT. They seem to be better radios than my icom dual bander
 though larger and heavier. I haven't had a chance to perform a
 subjective test yet, but the HTX-404 certainly has better receive
 audio.
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Date: Fri, 15 Apr 1994 16:37:03 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!pacbell.com!att-out!att-in!cbnewsk!howie@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Sony 2010 Wanted
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am looking for a Sony 2010 shortwave radio.
Anyone having one in excellent or like new condition, please
reply directly to: howie@intgp1.att.com.
Those with a radio in lesser condition, please do not reply
as I have much email to sort through each day.

Thanks in advance,

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Date: 15 Apr 94 23:47:42 GMT
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Subject : Re: HAM ON BIKE

In article <timi-080494154351@kustu1.berkeley.edu>, I wrote:

> Here's the club info from that magazine [Motorcycle Consumer News]
> (September '93):
> Motorcycle Amateur Radio Club
> Ray Davis, President
> 3 Lindberg
> Irvine, CA 92720

Here's some more info from "73 Amateur Radio Today" (Apr.'94)
Ray's callsign is: KD6FHN
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MARC HF nets every Tuesday evening: 000(?) UTC on 14.260
                                     0100 UTC on 7.250
    VHF net on Wednesdays, 8:00 PM PST on 146.985

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